

## Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee

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### Stage 1 : Pre Consultation

#### What are we asking the public for their approval on?

The Estate Improvement Budget totals £40,000 and is split across the four housing divisions of South Lanarkshire. Each local housing management team can direct the funding towards projects or improvements highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services.

During recent organised area walkabout with residents and elected members in Cambuslang, several small issues were identified to officers throughout common areas maintained by the Housing Revenue Account. This included overgrown shrubbery and foliage and path access issues.

#### How much funding are we asking about?

A total of £10,000 is available within the Rutherglen and Cambuslang Estate Improvement Budget.

#### Who are we asking?

The budget is ideally suited for a participatory budgeting approach to fund a number of smaller projects that have been highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services.

#### How are we doing this?

A range of consultation and engagement activities will be progressed to determine the allocation of this budget area. This includes organised area walkabouts, individual engagement with tenants or other customers as well as discussions with local tenant and resident groups.

#### When are we doing this?

The budget is available for spending during the 2021/2022 financial year.

#### When will we report back?

Updates will be provided once funds within the budget have been allocated.

### Stage 2 : Post Consultation

#### What was the outcome of the PB activity?

The walkabouts were attended by between 4 and 8 residents, elected members and council officers.

Officers developed solutions based on the discussions and issues identified and nearby tenants and residents were given the opportunity to select their preferred option prior to the work taking place.

The activity cost a total of £4,904.87 with the following three projects selected by tenants and other customers:

- Area behind properties at 69-83 Woodland Crescent had trees and shrubs reduced in size. Cost £1,653.72
- The path between 4 Fernbrae Avenue and 154 Fernhill Road was re-surfaced with tarmac. Cost £2,820
- New paving was installed at 83 Brownsdale Road in Rutherglen, creating a suitable uplift and access point for Waste Services. Cost £431.15

#### What happens next?

Officers will continue to engage with tenants and other customers to identify suitable projects for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Estate Improvement Budget for the Rutherglen/Cambuslang area.

**Further reporting requirements:**

Committee will be updated on the allocation of the remainder of the 2021/2022 Estate Improvement Budget for the Rutherglen/Cambuslang area.